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In re Application of:)	Examiner: R. Mack
SHOICHI YAMAZAKI, ET AL.)	Group Art Unit: 2873
Appln. No.: Unassigned)	
(Divisional of)	
Appln. No.)	
08/959,285 filed)	
October 24, 1997))	
Filed: January 25, 2001)	
For: HEAD-UP DISPLAY DEVICE)	January 25, 2001
WITH ROTATIONALLY)	
ASYMMETRIC CURVED)	
SURFACE (AS AMENDED))	

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
BOX PATENT APPLICATION
Washington, DC 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of U.S. Patent No. 6,018,423 is enclosed. The remaining documents were cited in Application No. 08/959,285 (the "'285 Application"), the parent of the above-referenced divisional application. Copies of the remaining documents should be available in the '285 Application under 37 CFR 1.98(d).

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

<u>APPLN. NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
08/879,966	June 20, 1997	2873	Pending
09/333,998	June 16, 1999	2873	Pending
09/511,243	February 23, 2000	2873	Pending

REMARKS

As discussed in the accompanying Preliminary Amendment, Applicants respectfully note that Claims 11 through 124 of the subject application have been copied in modified form from Claims 1 through 14, 16, 17, and 22 through 40 of U.S. Patent No. 6,018,423 (Takahashi '423), which is a division of U.S. Patent No. 5,875,056 (Takahashi '056), which is a continuation of U.S. Patent No. 5,701,202 (Takahashi '202).

Applicants respectfully note that U.S. Patent No. 5,701,202 (Takahashi '202) discloses and claims, inter alia, an ocular optical system having a first refracting/internally reflecting surface, a second reflecting surface, and a third refracting surface.

Applicants also respectfully note that U.S. Patent No. 5,768,024 (Takahashi '024) discloses and claims, inter alia, an ocular optical system having first, second, and third surfaces, wherein the second surface is a reflecting surface that reflects light rays in the ocular optical system, the second surface having such a surface

configuration that a surface configuration in a plane (YZ-plane) containing light rays turned back by the reflecting surface is different from a surface configuration in a XZ-plane perpendicular to the YZ plane.

Applicants respectfully submit, however, that none of Takahashi '056, '202, '024, and '423 qualifies as prior art under the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103.

It will be appreciated that the above-listed Application Nos. 09/333,998 and 09/511,243 are, like the subject application, divisional applications of the parent of the subject application; accordingly, the Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to the claims thereof.

Lastly, Applicants respectfully submit that Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 4-242630 corresponds to Japanese Patent Application No. 3-11492, which is referenced at page 27, lines 12 and 13 of the specification. It will be appreciated that the Preliminary Amendment filed concurrently herewith, corrected the citation thereof. Applicants respectfully submit that U.S. Patent No. 5,598,248 is a U.S. counterpart of the Japanese application. With respect to Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 4-343313, Applicants respectfully submit that U.S. Patent No. 5,671,062 is a U.S. counterpart.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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